

ABSTRACT

An electronic commerce server enables an orderer to give an order of purchasing a commercial article at a virtual shop existing on a network by accessing the virtual shop from a communication terminal used by the orderer, and to receive the purchase target article at an agency service trader's place other than the home. This server includes a receiving unit receiving from the virtual shop a piece of order information of the purchase target article and a piece of information for specifying a desired agency service trader's place for receiving the purchase target article, of which respective notifications are given via the communication terminal used by the orderer, an issuing unit issuing a piece of identification information unique to both of every orderer and every purchase target article on the basis of the order information, and a confirmation unit confirming the identification information received by the communication terminal used by the orderer through the agency service trader's place.